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From: R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 3:01 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Subject: FW: Prepublication Book Review

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Hello, [REDACTED] Can you give me any idea where my submission stands in the review process? b6 -2  
 Thanks for your help.  
 Ray Holcomb

From: [REDACTED]  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Subject: RE: Prepublication Book Review  
 Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2009 08:03:11 -0400

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Hello, [REDACTED] (on behalf of Mr. Hardy). Well, the fact that you were able to open the document is a very good start! I definitely had my share of problems with the system. I realize I didn't give you my cell phone which is [REDACTED] Again, if you need to speak to me during work hours please try [REDACTED] or leave a message on my cell. I look forward to hearing from you. Have a good day.

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From: [REDACTED]  
 > To: [REDACTED]  
 > Date: Wed, 15 Jul 2009 07:09:11 -0400  
 > Subject: RE: Prepublication Book Review

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> Good morning Mr. Holcomb,  
 >  
 > I'm not technology savvy either, but I followed the prompts and I was able to access your book.  
 >  
 > The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) received your submission on July 14, 2009, requesting prepublication review of your manuscript titled, "Holcomb Manuscript."  
 >  
 > The FBI's prepublication review policy provided for a review period of thirty business days not counting the day of receipt. This review period can be extended depending upon the complexity of the materials being reviewed, but in most cases the reviews are completed within the thirty business day period. A review of your submission is in progress and we will advise of the results upon completion.

> Should you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED] at 540-868-1697. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

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> Sincerely,  
 > David M. Hardy, [REDACTED]  
 > Section Chief  
 > Record/Information  
 > Dissemination Section  
 > Records Management Division  
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**From:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2009 10:31 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Pre-publication Review

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I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Ray Holcomb

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[redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 1:05 PM  
To: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)  
Cc: [redacted] (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review of Raymond Holcomb's book

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Sure [redacted] Hope it's a good read at least. Will be happy to review and advise.

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From: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 12:20 PM  
To: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)  
Cc: [redacted] (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: Prepublication Review of Raymond Holcomb's book

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Hello [redacted]

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I am [redacted] Coordinator of the Prepublication Review Office. My office's function is to review intended publications by current/former FBI employees to determine if the employee has included information obtained during FBI employment, which should not otherwise be released. Examples would be classified information, Rule 6e, sensitive techniques, pending investigations or prosecutions, personal privacy info, FBI information not available to the general public through means such as FIONA, the media or court records, etc.

As is more common than not, it is necessary that we call upon FBI "subject matter experts" to review the submissions of current/former FBI employees as the subject matter at issue is beyond the general expertise of my employees. It is in that regard, that I am contacting you.

Would you please have someone in your office review a portion of a manuscript that we received from Former Special Agent Raymond W. Holcomb (Retired) titled, "Holcomb Manuscript." These pages of Former SA [redacted] Holcomb's manuscript detailing his involvement with [redacted] are being sent to you from the [redacted]

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[redacted] Please provide us your conclusions regarding the information in question. Should you have questions, please feel free to call or email me.

General Rules-We have 30 business days to respond to the author. We would like to respond to the requester as soon as we can. Also, as the material is proprietary information, it is not to be disclosed/shared beyond those persons involved in the review process.

Thank you

[redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 1:06 PM  
To: [redacted] (DI) (FBI); [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)  
Cc: [redacted] (DI) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Pre-publication review of Ray Holcomb's book

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Happy to take a look at it.



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From: [redacted] (DI) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 11:54 AM  
To: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)  
Cc: [redacted] (DI) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)  
Subject: Pre-publication review of Ray Holcomb's book

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Hello [redacted]

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Per our telephone conversation, my unit conducted a review of the section pertaining to [redacted] and I have passed the section on [redacted] to [redacted] is copied here. b6 -2  
With regard to the section on [redacted] it is most appropriate that the Counterterrorism Division conduct the review. I b7E -7  
have copied [redacted] on this email. If you want me to provide him with the hard copy of the manuscript that I received from you, I can do that, but I think he would benefit from some corresponding email contact from you.

Thanks,



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[redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)  
Sent: Friday, October 16, 2009 12:16 PM  
To: [redacted] (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Pre-publication review of Ray Holcomb's book

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Hello [redacted]

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I appreciate you sending the material to [redacted] I also greatly appreciate you sending [redacted] material to [redacted] I will send him an email explaining why this material is being sent to his unit.

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Once again thank you and your unit for all help.

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[redacted]  
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Records Management Division  
170 Marcel Drive, Room O-03  
Winchester, VA 22602-4843  
540-868-1697

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Thanks,

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[redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 9:02 AM  
To: [redacted] (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: Prepublication Review of Ray Holcomb's manuscript

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Good morning [redacted]

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I was wondering if you have sent me the pages of Mr. Holcomb's manuscript that need revised?

Thank you

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[redacted] (RMD) (FBI)

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From: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 3:52 PM  
To: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review of Ray Holcomb's book

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From: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 3:16 PM  
To: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review of Ray Holcomb's book

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Hi [redacted]

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Please send it back to me at: Prepublication Review Office, Attn. [redacted] Room O-03, Winchester, VA.

Thank you for all your help.



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From: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI)  
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 3:12 PM  
To: [redacted] (RMD) (FBI); [redacted] (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: RE: Prepublication Review of Ray Holcomb's book

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Done with my portion....who should I send it to?



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Sent: Monday, November 16, 2009 8:53 AM  
To: [redacted] (CTD) (FBI); [redacted] (DI) (FBI)  
Subject: Prepublication Review of Ray Holcomb's book

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Good morning,

Would you please tell me the status of the review of Ray Holcomb's book titled, "Holcomb's Manuscript?"

Thank you

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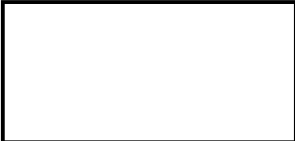
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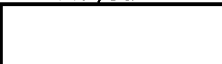
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**From:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2009 1:59 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Pre-publication Review

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Thanks, [REDACTED] for the response. As I've said before, I am local ([REDACTED]), and I believe we could easily address any points of concern, if only someone would let me know what they are. If the concern is that in a few instances agent's true names are used, that is because he/she is either retired or the agent has given public interviews or is already mentioned in articles or books. I determined that by running names through Google and other search engines.

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Again, I'm certain that any issues or concerns identified can be quickly rectified.

I hope you have a good holiday.

Best Regards,

Ray Holcomb

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Wed, 18 Nov 2009 07:03:07 -0500  
**Subject:** RE: Pre-publication Review

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Hello Mr. Holcomb,

Due to the sensitive material and time period involved, portions of your book are still under reviewed. As soon as the reviews are done, I will let you know. I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

[REDACTED]  
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**From:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2009 2:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Pre-publication Review  
**Importance:** High

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Hi [REDACTED] Any idea where the book stands? Certainly there must be issues, but I know they can be quickly resolved if I'm just told what the problem is. I am missing my publisher's deadline, and it has been upwards of four months since I submitted.

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They just need to let me know.

Thanks,

Ray Holcomb

[REDACTED] b6 -1

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**From:** [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]  
Date: Tue, 13 Oct 2009 12:16:56 -0400  
Subject: RE: Pre-publication Review

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Hello Mr. Holcomb,

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Thank you

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**From:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 06, 2009 10:31 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Pre-publication Review

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Good morning [REDACTED] Hope you are well. On July 14 I submitted my manuscript for pre-publication review. To date I've heard nothing and I was hoping that you could give me some insight as to where we stand in the process. Fully realizing that my story covers a wide expanse of subject matter, it has been close to three months since submission.  
I look forward to hearing from you.

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Best regards,  
Ray Holcomb

[REDACTED]

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**From:** R. Holcomb [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 2:03 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Pre-publication Review

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[redacted] thanks for getting back. Wednesday is good for me. I will work around your schedule. Thursday morning is the only bad time this week for me.  
 I currently work at [redacted].

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I would love the chance to talk with your Section Chief or anyone who might help push this forward. I know there's only so much you can do (I haven't been gone that long!), and I know I can work the issues out quickly if given the chance. I understand it's just a matter of getting the reviewers to take the time out of their busy schedules to read the material. They've had this material for months now.

In any event, I'll do whatever it takes, and that includes meeting personally with the reviewers if that works.

Again, taken in its entirety this is a very complimentary story about the FBI and we all know that the Bureau can always use some good news in the public's eye.

I understand if it's icy on Wednesday, particularly since I know what it can get like out your way. We can certainly reschedule. I really, really appreciate any help you can give.

Best regards,  
 Ray Holcomb

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**From:** [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Date:** Mon, 7 Dec 2009 13:27:53 -0500  
**Subject:** RE: Pre-publication Review

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Good afternoon Mr. Holcomb,

Yes, I had a nice holiday. I hope you did as well. I'm sorry I didn't reply earlier, I just saw your message. Would it be alright with you if we talked on Wednesday? I would like to give the sections that I'm waiting on a chance to get back to me. I also, would like to run all this past my superior. What would be a good time to reach you? I don't want to sound scared, but if it is icy on Wednesday I'll call you on Thursday.

Thank you

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**From:** R. Holcomb [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 07, 2009 10:32 AM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Pre-publication Review

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Hi, [redacted] Hope your Thanksgiving was good.

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Question; can I reach you by phone today to discuss who I can speak to regarding the length of time it is taking to edit/review my manuscript?

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Again, I am certain that I could resolve any issues quickly if I were put in direct contact with the reviewers.

The essence of my book is actually very pro-Bureau. From a PR standpoint I think it would be very good for the organization, however, if the review drags on much longer there will be no book.

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**Sent:** Friday, November 13, 2009 2:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Pre-publication Review  
**Importance:** High

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Ray Holcomb

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]  
Prepublication Review Office

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Wednesday - Dec 9 - 9<sup>00</sup> AM

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Best regards,  
Ray Holcomb

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[REDACTED]



[REDACTED] b6 -2

**From:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2009 7:22 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Book Edits

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[REDACTED] I'd like to confirm that I correctly captured the changes or deletions you read to me this morning. b6 -2  
If you can, would you please confirm that the Bureau wants me to delete the following:

[REDACTED] b7E -3

I'm addressing the matter of using agent's true names. I will obtain the permission of some and make sure that all the others are pseudonyms.  
Once I receive the letter you are sending me I can better discern what issues the editors have with the above. I note that the Pre-Publication Guidelines clearly state that **"The FBI will not assert prepublication objections because a proposed disclosure is critical or disparaging of the FBI, the government, or any individual..."**  
I will also provide you with a list of some of the many open source publications, such as news articles, the 9/11 Commission Report, etc., where most of what is disputed by the editors is already published.  
Finally, I note that the Guidelines provide for censoring of information that a current employee wishes to publish if that would cause disruption in the workplace. That, of course, is not the case here.  
I really appreciate your help.  
Best regards,  
Ray Holcomb

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**From:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 15, 2009 9:47 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Edits

b6 -1

b6 -2

[REDACTED] thanks for your time this morning. I will get to work on the edits we discussed. I really appreciate your patience. I may have to get back to you to clarify some points. Thanks  
Ray Holcomb

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[REDACTED] (I was wrong about the spelling of [REDACTED] I guess I just don't live there enough to get the spelling of the town name down?!) [REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010 2:43 PM  
**To:** 'R. Holcomb'  
**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

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Mr. Holcomb,

Sorry, I forgot. Yes they are ok. I will be in touch tomorrow.

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**From:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010 1:06 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

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You've been very helpful, [REDACTED] Last question, though, are we ok with the other chapters, i.e., SECRET YEARS and COLD WAR WARRIOR? thanks. b6 -2

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tue, 19 Jan 2010 12:23:00 -0500  
**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

b6 -1,-2

Mr. Holcomb,

That will be great! I will run this by Mr. Hardy tomorrow for his approval.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Date:** Tue, 19 Jan 2010 11:41:44 -0500  
**To:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED] b6 -1  
**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

Mr. Holcomb,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010 10:36 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

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Thanks. Hope you have a good day.

Ray Holcomb

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Date:** Thu, 14 Jan 2010 14:53:05 -0500

**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

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Thank you

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 14, 2010 10:24 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

Hi, [REDACTED] Has there been any progress in reviewing my submission? I would like to request a meeting with your Section Chief. Would I do that through you, or directly?

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Thanks very much.

Ray Holcomb

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**From:** [REDACTED]

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**Date:** Mon, 11 Jan 2010 09:52:02 -0500

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Good morning Mr. Holcomb,

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I received your package that has some of the articles in question attached. It is currently under review.

Thank you



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**From:** R. Holcomb [redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 25, 2010 6:25 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

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Thanks, [redacted] I've been laid up with a head cold and haven't been able to do much, anyway. I really appreciate your follow through.  
Regards,  
Ray Holcomb

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**From:** [redacted]  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Date:** Mon, 25 Jan 2010 11:14:06 -0500  
**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

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Hello Mr. Holcomb,

Sorry Mr. Hardy was out for a few days. I'm mailing your approval letter today. I'm sorry it's taken so long.

Thank you

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**From:** R. Holcomb [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010 1:06 PM  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

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You've been very helpful, [redacted] Last question, though, are we ok with the other chapters, i.e., SECRET YEARS and COLD WAR WARRIOR? thanks.

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Mr. Holcomb,

That will be great! I will run this by Mr. Hardy tomorrow for his approval.

Thank you

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**From:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 11, 2010 10:43 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Prepublication Package

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Thanks, [REDACTED] I only sent you a sampling. There is much, much more out there on the internet. Please reach out for me with any questions. Also, I will have a list of names used in the manuscript available this week. It will point out the psuedo's, as well as real FBI personnel names. I will also provide copies of permission letters from those who's true names are used.  
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Ray Holcomb

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From: R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Sunday, January 03, 2010 5:16 PM  
 To: [REDACTED]  
 Subject: A Sample

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Hi, [REDACTED] I hope you had a wonderful holiday. Now for the tough time of the year. b6 -2  
 I want to show you an example of the endless material that is on the internet and which pertains to those areas I am being told are "too sensitive" to discuss.  
 This one article is from the New York Times and deals with the Hamburg Cell and what was actually known about the plotters there and what was shared with the FBI.  
 I will be sending you my formal response to the initial editing within two or three days. Certainly I can adjust the areas of concern somewhat, but in order to do that I will need to know clearly why these things are sensitive if they are discussed ad nauseum over the internet.  
 In any event I will be in touch shortly.  
 Thanks for your patience.  
 Regards,  
 Ray Holcomb

NYT, February 24, 2004

### **C.I.A. Was Given Data on Hijacker Long Before 9/11**

By JAMES RISEN and ERIC LICHTBLAU

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23 — American investigators were given the first name and telephone number of one of the Sept. 11 hijackers two and a half years before the attacks on New York and Washington, but the United States appears to have failed to pursue the lead aggressively, American and German officials say.

The information — the earliest known signal that the United States received about any of the hijackers — has now become an important element of an independent commission's investigation into the events of Sept. 11, 2001, officials said Monday. It is considered particularly significant because it may have represented a missed opportunity for American officials to penetrate the Qaeda terror cell in Germany that was at the heart of the plot. And it came roughly 16 months before the hijacker showed up at flight schools in the United States. In March 1999, German intelligence officials gave the Central Intelligence Agency the first name and telephone number of Marwan al-Shehhi, and asked the Americans to track him. The name and phone number in the United Arab Emirates had been obtained by the Germans by monitoring the telephone of Mohamed Heidar Zammar, an Islamic militant in Hamburg who was closely linked to the important Qaeda plotters who ultimately masterminded the Sept. 11 attacks, German officials said.

After the Germans passed the information on to the C.I.A., they did not hear from the Americans about the matter until after Sept. 11, a senior German intelligence official said. "There was no response" at the time, the official said. After receiving the tip, the C.I.A. decided that "Marwan" was probably an associate of Osama bin Laden, but never tracked him down, American officials say.

The Germans considered the information on Mr. Shehhi particularly valuable, and the commission is keenly interested in why it apparently did not lead to greater scrutiny of him. The information concerning Mr. Shehhi, the man who took over the controls of United Airlines Flight 175, which flew into the south tower of the World Trade Center, came months earlier than well-documented tips about other hijackers, including two who were discovered to have attended a meeting of militants in Malaysia in January 2000.

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**From:** R. Holcomb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:13 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Prepublication Book Review

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**Attachments:** TEST3.zip



TEST3.zip (391 KB)

[REDACTED] thanks for the guidance yesterday. I am trying to send you my b6 -2 book manuscript in an encrypted Zip folder. I am told that by condensing the 445 pages onto a Zip folder I should have no problems with overloading servers, etc.. Frankly, I really don't understand all this technology.

Hopefully someone in your office can help you open the folder. I will send you the password in a separate e mail.

During my 23 year career I worked all the major investigative areas, e.g., organized crime, counter intelligence, counter narcotics, and counterterrorism. I retired in January of 2006 and I now work as a consultant in the Washington, D.C. area. I have made every effort to conceal or avoid discussing sensitive or ongoing investigations, but, of course, I can't be sure that the Bureau will agree. This is why I'm sending you the manuscript "encrypted".

During working hours I can generally be reached at [REDACTED]. I can't bring my cell b6 -1 phone into my work space so I usually check it once or twice a day, and I will try to be prompt in getting back to you.

In any event, thanks for your help.

Best regards,

Raymond W. Holcomb

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**Subject:** Prepublication Book Review

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[REDACTED] further to my preceding e mail, the password for the encrypted Zip file I just sent is [REDACTED]. Again, I hope someone at your office can help you with this. If you can't open the file we can certainly figure out another way to get it to you.  
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Ray Holcomb